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Leasing of the Toranagallu reserve.

* 1047 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the sum for which Toranagallu reserve was first leased out and the amounts by which the lease amount was increased successively together with the reasons therefor?

A.—The Government have not the information.

Public Services

Time-scale of pay for unpassed clerks in the Judicial department.

* 1048 Q.—MR. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the time-scale of pay sanctioned in the case of all the permanent clerks in the Judicial department has been stopped in the case of unpassed men though confirmed unless specially exempted by the High Court;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this distinction and whether the unpassed permanent clerks in the Revenue and other departments get the benefit of the time-scale;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend the same benefit to the clerks in the Judicial department also; and

(d) whether the whole question has been considered and final orders passed thereon; and, if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay them on the table?

A.—(a) to (d) There is a general rule applicable to all departments that unpassed and unexempted men are eligible only for the minimum pay in the inferior time-scale, viz., Rs. 35 in the mufassal and Rs. 40 in the city. As the abrogation of this rule would involve not only very considerable recurring expenditure, immediately but also a large addition to the pensionary charges the Government after full consideration have decided not to proceed with it.

MR. P. SIVA RAO:—“May I know whether the unpassed permanent clerks in the Revenue Department get the benefit of the time-scale? That question has not been directly answered.”

THE HON. MR. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—“As stated in the answer, they are entitled only to the minimum pay, viz., Rs. 35 in the mufassal and Rs. 40 in the city, unless exempted for special reasons.”

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“Is not the whole question under consideration, and is not a report due in regard to this matter?”

THE HON. MR. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—“It has been decided not to proceed with certain proposals owing to their heavy cost.”

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“Was not a report called for to find out the approximate cost which will be incurred by the Government if the scheme is given effect to?”

THE HON. MR. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—“Certain proposals were considered.”

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ At what state are they now ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ The Government have decided not to adopt them.”

Revenue Establishments

Age-limit for the appointments of Sub-Magistrates and Tahsildars.

* 1049 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any minimum age-limit fixed for the appointments of Sub-Magistrates and Tahsildars in the public service ;

(b) if so, what is the age-limit ; and

(c) why the Government considered it necessary to impose such a restriction ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) There is no maximum or minimum age-limit prescribed for appointment to such posts by promotion.

Secretariat

Appointment of Under Secretary to Government.

* 1050 Q.—Khan Bahadur S. K. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the posts of Under Secretary to Government are reserved to members of the Indian Civil Service ; and

(b) whether the Government have under consideration the appointment of a Muslim Indian Civil Service as Under Secretary ?

A.—(a) The posts of Under Secretary to Government are included in the cadre of the Indian Civil Service.

(b) No.

Special Test Examinations

Holding of the village officers' examination twice a year.

* 1051 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) from what date the Special Test Examinations have been held twice a year ; and

(b) whether the village officers' examinations also are held twice a year ; and, if not, why not ?

A.—(a) From the year 1923.

(b) No. Yearly examinations have been found to be sufficient.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Is it not a fact that every year a number of people are kept out of appointment, because they do not qualify themselves in time ? Would not such cases become less and less if there are two examinations every year ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ It is very probable ; but I doubt whether holding the examination itself held twice a year instead of once a year would diminish the number of such persons.”